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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Detrimental Erosion  
5       Forcing Enhanced Needs to Defend the Great Lakes Act”  
6       or the “DEFEND the Great Lakes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROJECTS TO PROTECT GREAT LAKES COASTAL**  
2 **WETLANDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army  
5 shall initiate not less than 5 projects under section 206  
6 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (33  
7 U.S.C. 2330).

8 (b) PROJECT TYPE.—Each of the projects initiated  
9 under subsection (a) shall be a project to reduce the risk  
10 of loss and degradation of coastal wetlands along the  
11 shorelines of the Great Lakes due to shoreline erosion  
12 caused by high velocity waves and high water events.